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Dear Interested Citizen,

The Crescent Ranger District is proposing to salvage harvest, reduce hazardous fuels, and reforest in areas of the Davis Fire that burned 21,000 acres in July of 2003. The attached Proposed Action describes the purpose and need for the proposal which is focused on restoring late and old structure conditions as quickly as possible. Salvage harvest is proposed on approximately 6,570 acres. Reforestation and fuels reduction will occur on those acres as well as areas outside of the salvage units.

Over half of the fire burned through the Davis Late Successional Reserve, which was to be managed to protect and enhance conditions of late-successional and old-growth forest ecosystems. Recovering habitat in this area, and providing protection for soils and future stands are the primary purposes for entering the area.

An Interdisciplinary Team will be developing alternatives to the proposed action based on issues that arise during the initial scoping period. Your participation is important. **If you have concerns or information about the proposal that you would like the team to be aware of**, you can write to us at the following address: Phil Cruz, District Ranger, PO Box 208, Crescent, Oregon 97733.

Please include the title of the project (Davis Fire EIS) and specific items you would like the team to consider that are pertinent to the purpose and need for action. Your input would be most helpful if received by September 24, 2003. For more information about the Davis Fire project please contact Chris Mickle, at 541-433-3200.

Sincerely,

/s/ Phil Cruz

PHIL CRUZ
District Ranger

